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Re application of: Leek, William F.

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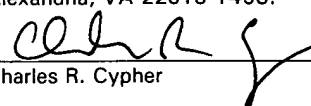
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For: Automatic Take-up Device with
Internal Spring

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated December 12, 2006. It is being submitted within three (3) months of the mailing date of said office action and is accompanied by a petition for extension of time and the requisite fee, making it a timely response.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 for three (3) months. The fee under 37 CFR § 1.17 is attached hereto. If the enclosed amount is incorrect, the commissioner is permitted to charge any required extension and/or deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 03-4075 (Attorney Docket No. SST/11035).

Amendments to the Application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.